(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SWAMI CHINMAYANAND): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A Committee has been constituted under the Chairmanship of Shri Sita Kant Mohapatra to make recommendation, *inter-alia*, on the feasibility of treating all languages in the Eighth Schedule to the Constitutiuon, including Tamil, as Official Languages of the Union. The Government will consider the recommendations of the Committee and take a suitable decision in the matter.

Undertrials in Jails

145. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 75 per cent of jail population in India are undertrials;

(b) if so, the total jail population and the number of undertrials;

(c) the State-wise details of the percentage of the undertrials and duration of their stay;

(d) the expenditure on account of their stay in jails; and

(e) the steps being taken to reduce the burden of undertrials in the jails which are in fact already over crowded?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SWAMI CHINMAYANAND): (a) According to available statistics 70.4% of the jail population were undertrials at the end of 2001.

(b) and (c) As per the information available with this Ministry as on 31-12-2001, 2,20,817 undertrails were lodged in various jails against the total jail population of 3,13,635. The State-wise details of percentage of undertrials and duration of their stay are given in Statement I and II respectively. (See below).

(d) The statistics on expenditure on account of stay of undertrials in jails are not maintained centrally.

(e) The Government of India has introduced a new non-plan scheme for modernization of Prison Administration to be implemented over a

period of five years with effect from 2002-03 with an outlay of Rs. 1800 crore on a cost sharing basis at the ratio of 75:25 between Centre and States, which *inter-alia* includes construction of new jails to reduce over crowding. Besides, the Central Government have sanctioned a scheme to set up 1734 Fast Track Courts for expeditious disposal of long pending cases and other cases involving undertrials on priority.

Statement-I

Jail Population, Undertrials and Percentage of Undertrials at the End of 2001

Sl. No.	State/UT	Population	Undertrials	% of Undertrials
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
1.	Andhra Pradesh	13090	8842	67.5
2.	Arunachal Pradesh			
3.	Assam	6485	4065	62.7
4.	Bihar	35907	30793	85.8
5.	Chhatisgarh	9667	4921	50.9
6.	Goa	452	294	65.0
7.	Gujarat	8923	5557	62.3
8.	Haryana	11348	8212	72.4
9.	Himachal Pradesh	907	512	56.4
10.	Jammu and Kashmir	1647	1105	67.1
11.	Jharkhand	16517	14078	85.2
12.	Karnataka	9746	7716	79.2
13.	Kerala	5376	3527	65.6
14.	Madhya Pradesh	29087	16837	57.9
15.	Maharashtra	22527	15446	68.6
16.	Manipur	462	344	74.5

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
17.	Meghalaya	526	505	96.0
18.	Mizoram	858	704	82.1
19.	Nagaland	665	545	82.0
20.	Orissa	11675	8768	75.1
21.	Punjab	12054	8208	68.1
22.	Rajasthan	12995	8737	67.2
23.	Sikkim	186	109	58.6
24.	Tamilnadu	21260	2365	11.1
25.	Tripura	1040	676	65.0
26.	Uttar Pradesh	53296	46875	88.0
27.	Uttaranchal	2290	1781	77.8
28.	West Bengal	12347	9722	78.7
	Total (States)	301333	211244	70.1
29.	A and N Islands	383	166	43.3
30.	Chandigarh	426	324	76.1
31.	D and N Haveli	166	158	95.2
32.	Daman and Diu	41	18	43.9
33.	Delhi	11023	8752	79.4
34.	Lakshadweep	1	1	100.0
35.	Pondicherry	262	154	58.8
	Total (UTs)	12302	9573	77.8
	Total (All-India)	313635	220817	70.4

Source : Prison Statistics-2001.

Note : 1. No Jail in the State of Arunachal Pradesh

2. Figures are Provisional.

Statement II

Period of Detention of Undertrials at the End of 2001

Sl. No.	State/UT	Upto 3 Months	3–6 Months	6–12 Months	1–2 Years	2–3 Years	3–5 Years	Above 5 Years	Total
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)
1.	Andhra Pradesh	5906	1705	843	310	54	21	0	8842
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	—	—	—	.	.	.	.	.
3.	Assam	2699	636	412	226	54	33	5	4065
4.	Bihar	9312	4952	7955	4671	2391	1036	476	30793
5.	Chhattisgarh	1880	1369	1123	474	55	16	4	4921
6.	Goa	95	88	58	36	17	0	0	294
7.	Gujarat	1576	1295	1118	857	458	199	54	5557
8.	Haryana	3213	2165	1445	946	355	85	3	8212
9.	Himachal Pradesh	276	144	92	0	0	0	0	512
10.	Jammu and Kashmir	226	190	186	179	176	119	29	1105
11.	Jharkhand	3442	3246	2931	2298	1253	730	178	10478
12.	Karnataka	3845	2045	920	401	296	119	89	7716
13.	Kerala	2286	947	189	97	7	1	0	3527
14.	Madhya Pradesh	8212	3967	2781	1381	358	110	28	16837
15.	Maharashtra	5900	3642	2362	2948	448	131	15	15446
16.	Manipur	157	106	55	22	1	3	0	344
17.	Meghalaya	176	142	89	46	27	18	7	505
18.	Mizoram	476	174	43	7	3	1	0	704
19.	Nagaland	90	112	126	107	74	30	6	545
20.	Orissa	2964	2241	1414	1298	524	304	23	8768
21.	Punjab	3247	2358	741	877	517	440	28	8208
22.	Rajasthan	3692	1594	1598	1250	482	107	14	8737
23.	Sikkim	3	8	6	52	35	5	0	109
24.	Tamilnadu	1072	605	369	170	70	48	31	2365
25.	Tripura	334	152	126	42	19	0	3	676
26.	Uttar Pradesh	17428	10852	9765	4792	2998	875	165	46875

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)
27.	Uttaranchal	620	308	340	306	169	38	0	1781
28.	West Bengal	6499	1514	872	523	165	110	39	9722
	TOTAL (STATES)	85626	46561	37959	24316	11006	45791	197	211244
29.	A and N Islands	59	92	11	3	1	0	0	166
30.	Chandigarh	141	73	44	40	15	3	8	324
31.	D and N Haveli	135	20	3	0	0	0	0	158
32.	Daman and Diu	5	12	0	1	0	0	0	18
33.	Delhi	3413	1513	1566	1276	575	350	59	8752
34.	Lakshadweep	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
35.	Pondicherry	121	22	9	2	0	0	0	154
	Total (UTs)	3874	1733	1633	1322	591	353	67	9573
	TOTAL (ALL-INDIA)	89500	45294	39992	25638	11597	4932	1264	220817

Source : Prison Statistics-2001.

Note : 1. No Jail in the State of Arunachal Pradesh
2. Figures are Provisional

Spurt in cases of Rape, Dacoity, Murder etc. in Delhi

146. DR. ABRAR AHMED: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been an alarming spurt in the cases of rapes, dacoities, murders, kidnappings and chain-snatching in Delhi in the recent past;

(b) the reported cases in each category district-wise during the year 2003 month-wise; and

(c) the measures taken by Government to check such crimes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI HARIN PATHAK):(a) While the incidents of dacoity, murder, kidnapping and chain-snatching have shown a declining trend, there has been some increase in the incidents of rape during the current year upto October as compared to such incidents reported during the corresponding period of the preceding year as indicated below :